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SUBJ EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFERENCE

PASS COMMERCE AND LABOR

1. ARRANGEMENTS ARE MOVING SLOWLY FOR EUROPEAN TRADE UNION
MEETING TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH JANUARY ILO EUROPEAN
REGIONAL CONFERENCE. ALBERT HEYER, SECRETARY OF WORKERS GROUP
ON ILO GOVERNING BODY HAS AGREED TO SEND INVITATIONS ON BEHALF
OF EUROPEAN WORKER MEMBERS OF ILO GOVERNING BODY. HEYER IS
ALSO HEAD OF GENEVA OFFICE OF ICFTU, BUT EMPHASIZES THAT HE IS
NOT SENDING OUT INVITATIONS IN THAT CAPACITY. INVITATIONS WILL
BE SENT TO ALL EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CENTERS EXCEPT THOSE IN
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GREECE, PORTUGAL AND SPAIN.

2. AN INVITATION HAS BEEN DRAFTED AND HEYER IS AWAITING FINAL APPROVAL BEFORE SENDING. THE MEETING IS TO BE HELD SATURDAY JANUARY 19 AND IS DESCRIBED AS AN "INFORMAL MEETING" OF TRADE UNION REPRESENTATIVES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ILO EUROPEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE. SOVIET MEMBER OF GB WORKERS GROUP PIMENOV, REPORTEDLY WANTED TWO DAY MEETING, REFERENCE TO EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY, AND STIPULATED AGENDA. HEYER SAID THESE SUGGESTIONS REJECTED BY WESTERN EUROPEAN MEMBERS GB WORKER GROUP.

3. REPORTEDLY THE JANUARY TRADE UNION MEETING WAS NOT DISCUSSED AT RECENT ICFTU AND ETUC EXECUTIVE MEETINGS, BOTH GROUPS APPARENTLY DISCLAIMED ANY RESPONSIBILITY.

4. ALTHOUGH ILO HAS NOT BEEN APPROACHED TO PROVIDE SUPPORT IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE ILO WILL BE ASKED TO PROVIDE AT LEAST MEETING ROOM AND INTERPRETERS. BASSIN UNQUOTE ISSINGER

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